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1. Reconstruction of a second track was started on the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) - Guben (O 52/A 79) railroad line [] *
 2. Further surveying and wood clearing work is being done for the construction of parking sidings on this line. These sidings are possibly built in view of the increased traffic to be expected after the completion of the Huetttenkombinat-East (a concern of ironworks) near Fuerstenberg/Oder (O 53/V 71). **
 3. It is also planned to construct a rail link between Fuerstenberg and Grunow as a connection to the Deeskow (N 53/V 41) rerouting line. So far only the surveying has been done. ***
 4. A railroad connection to the Huetttenkombinat East was being built near Frankfurt/Oder [] A large work force was employed.
- * [] Comment. The reconstruction of the second track on this line is reported for the first time. In view of the importance of the line as a connection between two major border crossing points used by the Soviets the information appears credible. The project, which requires the construction of 50 km of trackage, will meet with considerable difficulties because of the critical shortage of rails.
- ** [] Comment. The Huetttenkombinat East is a merger of ironworks and related industries in the Fuerstenberg - Schoenflies (O 53/V 71) area.
- *** [] Comment. This project probably concerns the construction of a single-track railroad line 25 km long which would establish a through connection from Fuerstenberg to Koenigstusterhausen via Grunow (N 53/V 26) and Deeskow, parallel to the Frankfurt/Oder-Berlin trunk line. The dismantled single-track Grunow-Deeskow railroad line was reconstructed in the spring of 1949.

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